

HAVE YOU SEEN

# Santa Claus?

IF not, You Have Not Visited Our Store This Week.

He Is With Us in All His Glory!

His Line of

## TOYS, CANDIES, FRUITS, Etc.

Is Very Fine and Complete, and He Tells Us That Our  
**SHOES, HATS AND DRESS PATTERNS**  
Are Just the Things for

# Xmas Presents.

## WATERFILL BROTHERS.

### The Christmas Season.

Now, with Christmas day only one week off, when it is expected that the children of our firesides will be made happy with the small reminders of parental love, which, in the total amount, will be commensurate with the depth of the pocket-book or the length of the bank account of pater familias; when parents, almost without exception, are debating with themselves the amounts which they can afford to expend for presents or for the Christmas feast; when, at least for one day, in fond remembrance, or with no thought of Him whose natal day we celebrate, all the world becomes akin; when personal jealousies or personal grievances are temporarily laid aside, and when all seek for one day to carry into actual practice the precepts of the Golden Rule, it occurs to us that the good people of this little city, who have been so signally favored during the year just closing, should take special pains to see to it that

none of God's poor in our midst are left without some cause for joy on this day.

While there are, perhaps, as few among us, in proportion to the total population, who are unable to provide for their little ones as can be found in any other city within the limits of this good old State, yet, that there are such among us is well known to all. There are those whose gifts to their little families will consist of only a stick of red candy and, perhaps, whose little children will not have even this much to gladden their hearts. There are those who, on this day, will have no change from the accustomed meal of corn-bread and salt-bacon for their Christmas dinner. There are those who, while their school-mates will revel in the possession of presents without number, of new clothing, new sleds, new dolls, new toys and new books, will shed tears of sorrow and disappointment because "Santa Claus" has passed them by in his annual journey, and who, perhaps, will have cause to look upon this as a day of en-

joyment intended only for those who have rich or prosperous parents.

And, yet, there is much that might be done to bring a gleam of sunshine into the lives of these, who suffer without fault on their own part. A few candies, oranges and simple toys judiciously distributed among them while they are sleeping the sleep of innocent childhood; a few pairs of shoes for naked little feet; a few suits of clothing for those whose parents are not able to buy; a turkey, or even a chicken left at the door for those who have tasted nothing but bacon during the year; some provisions left with the family whose head has been laid on a bed of sickness for weeks or months; a few books for the bright ones who have no way of getting them for themselves; a little coal delivered at the right time and place, and a few calls made in the spirit of Him whose coming brought tidings of great joy to the whole world—all these are within our ability to bestow, and, if bestowed by us, will add immeasurably to our en-

joyment of our own good things.

There is yet time for all these things to be accomplished in our city. Let all of those able to do so make an effort to see that some family is made glad because of our own thoughtfulness. Let us remember, at this time of all times, the words of Christ: "I was naked and ye clothed me; I was hungry and ye gave me meat; I was sick and in prison and ye visited me." And let no one in our city suffer for the necessities of life on this day because of our neglect of golden opportunities for doing good.

We are there with the goods when it comes to Fruits and Candies. Warren Bros.

See those Furs at Shouse's, \$1.00, \$2.50 and \$5.00. They make nice Xmas gifts.

Ask the girl; we'll furnish the carriage. Morgan & Hyatt.

As usual, a fine line of Christmas Candies. Ben Cox.